



**Minutes**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

---

**Committee Members Present**

Judge Jennifer Dorow	Russ Jack	Shawn Reilly
Jerry Braatz	Kathy Madden	Paul Decker
Sam Benedict	Dan Vrakas	Sue Oppen
Joanne Huelsman	Marla Bell	Eric Severson

**Committee Members Absent**

Antwayne Robertson

**Others Present**

Mike Giese	Joan Sternweis	Larry Nelson	Rebecca Luczaj
Matt Masterson	Kyle Steinbrecher	Sara Carpenter	Karen Phillips

Judge Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Approve Minutes from September 24, 2014 Meeting**

MOTION: Vrakas moved, second by Braatz to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Presentation: 2014 Criminal & Traffic Case Filing & Disposition Statistics & Trends**

Madden distributed and reviewed a handout titled "Waukesha County Circuit Courts – December 2014 Case Statistics – Criminal/Traffic Division". Statistics reveal a continuing downward trend in criminal filings and dispositions over the past five years. The significance and interpretation of the statistics were discussed and debated. Benedict touted the value of reviewing these statistics on a regular basis, i.e. in January and July each year.

Judge Dorow advised that the problematic issues with the County's data warehouse will be addressed once technical assistance is implemented through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).

**Update on State's Application to NIC for Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative**

Judge Dorow and Luczaj provided an update on Wisconsin's application for technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).

NIC requested to conduct site visits to three states during January. Six Wisconsin counties sent teams to Madison for an onsite interview with NIC last Tuesday. Waukesha's team, which included Judge Dorow, Paul Decker, Sue Oppen, Chief Anna Ruzinski, Antwayne Robertson, Maura McMahon, and Luczaj, was well prepared for the interview and the presentation went very well.

Two of the three states interviewed (Wisconsin, Virginia and Indiana) will be chosen to participate in the EBDM initiative. NIC intends to make the final state selections by the end of January. It is anticipated that

technical assistance would begin in February at the state level, with assistance to counties beginning in March.

**Presentation: 2014 CJCC Program Outcomes**

Carpenter distributed reports outlining 2014 outcomes for the Drug Treatment Court (DTC), Alcohol Treatment Court (ATC) and Day Report Center programs.

Drug Treatment Court

Carpenter expounded on the challenges of DTC because of its high risk, high need participants. Graduation rates are much lower in comparison to ATC. The two case managers are extremely busy keeping up with the intense demands of their caseload.

Statistics for the federally funded (BJA) and state funded (TAD) DTC program participants were individually reviewed as outlined. Benedict suggested combining the statistics for future presentations to the CJCC.

Judge Dorow clarified that decisions on discharges from the DTC program are ultimately made by the judge, as opposed to “Team Decision” as listed in the “Other DTC Program Components” chart.

Graduation rates of DTC versus ATC were further discussed. Luczaj stated that she would pursue technical assistance from American University for ways to improve the graduation rate for DTC.

Steinbrecher, a recent DTC graduate, gave an account of his life before, during and after his participation in the DTC and the significance of his involvement with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS).

The Alcohol Treatment Court and Day Report Center reports were tabled for a future CJCC meeting.

**Presentation: 2014 Jail & Huber Population Demographics & Trends**

Giese distributed and reviewed reports outlining the 2014 Jail and Huber demographics and trends, including the following:

- YTD Population Summary
- Waukesha County Jail Inmate Population by Sex, Race, Status
- Demographic Analysis of Persons Booked
- YTD Booking Time Analysis
- YTD Release Time Analysis Report

Giese discussed jail population trends. Historically, the highest population in the Waukesha County Jail was in 2007. Jail population is declining in Waukesha County as well as nationally. Possible reasons for the decline were debated.

**Update on WI Department of Justice CIT/CIP Training Grant Application Status**

This agenda item was tabled until the next CJCC meeting.

**Update on Upcoming Application for Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Drug Court Enhancement Grant**

This agenda item was tabled until the next CJCC meeting.

MOTION: Madden moved, second by Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous consent.